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How An Experienced Captain Viewed The Rescue.

"There are no medals made that are any to large for Giffin and those five fellows. I have seen men and crews saved at sea, and had a hand at it myself, and sometimes under very hard weather conditions, but this act of Giffin and the chaps that went in those two dories was certainly the limit; yes, it was beyond the limit. Mind you, we were right there and saw it, so I know what I'm talking about.

"The wind that day, you know, was 70 miles an hour at Highland light, and this was just down off Chatham, and you know, no rougher spot could be picked out in a northeast gale. Why, the big Yale, that outside steamer on the New York line, couldn't make up around the Highland that day and had to turn back and anchor, yet Giffin brought the Conqueror down abreast of that sinking craft and he was wagging his riding sail, foresail and jumbo.

"It did not seem possible that they could do any more than lay by until the gale went down and then pick them off. The captain of the Erie told me in Provincetown afterward that he never expected to see them make the attempt to take them off, and he could hardly believe his eyes when he saw them stick out two dories and row down to them in the face of all that wind and sea.

Men Were Taken From Windward Side of Wreck.

"And he took them off to windward, mind you, which made it all the harder and all the more desperate. The dories could not get on her leeward side, as all the wreckage, booms, gaffs, etc., were slatting around on that side. I don't know how they did it, but they did, and you cannot say too much for them. It was one of the nerviest pieces of business ever done by a fishing vessel and crew.

"In the handling of vessels under sail in such a time and under the existing circumstances Giffin's splendid seamanship and the judgment and courage for which he is justly noted showed in the brightest light, while the work of those five men who went in the dories was of the bravest and most daring nature and showed a most remarkable disregard for their own lives in an attempt to save fellow men.

"And after that, mind you, while the big Yale was still at anchor and couldn't make up around the Highland, Capt. Giffin hauled his craft up sharp and fairly drove her up around, under riding sail, jumbo and foresail and made Provincetown harbor Saturday morning. It was certainly great work and medals should certainly be coming to Giffin and his men."

For this act Capt. Giffin and his men were rewarded, both by the Massachusetts Humane Society and by Canadian government, in the former case the captain getting a framed certificate of merit and the five men who went in the dories a sum of money each, and in the latter the captain received a magnificent gold watch, suitably inscribed, and the five men another sum of money each. Poor little Billy Muise was gone before the last award was presented, so the money was sent to his relatives. These two awards certainly stamped the deed of Giffin and his men as far above the ordinary.

GOOD PRICES AT BOSTON.

T Wharf Has Supply of Everything but Mackerel.

T wharf is disconsolate with no fresh mackerel fares coming in, but is cheering itself up with a few swordfish, a good supply of fresh groundfish and halibut, with a fine demand for each, thereby making good prices all around.

This morning there are two small trips of swordfish and the 15 cents per pound still holds good. One halibuter reached there yesterday afternoon; sch. Agnes, with 22,000 pounds of halibut, getting a fine advance in price.

There are 12 market fares of ground fish in, the catches ranging from 7000 to 70,000 pounds, sch. Clara G. Silva being high boat with the latter amount a fine trip for her, and one that will net a big stock.

Prices, though lower than yesterday, are good.

The fishing schooners which were berthed in the north basin at T wharf so thickly on Tuesday that they filled the upper end so that one could walk across the basin by stepping from vessel to vessel, went out early yesterday morning as soon as the wind subsided and the rain stopped, and when business opened yesterday morning all the vessels that had ice on board had sailed.

The price of swordfish is jumping up and the close of the season approaches and the fish begin to thin out. Yesterday morning the fishermen got nearly the highest price paid at the wharf this season, which is held today. The absence of mackerel from the market affects the price of swordfish and aids it in advancing.

The receipts this morning in detail are as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Agnes, 25,000 cusk, 22,000 halibut.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 20,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 1 swordfish.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 15,000 cod.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 14,000 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 500 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Lear C., 29 swordfish.

Sch. Azorian, 13 swordfish.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 15,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 15,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 15,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 5000 pollock, 1 swordfish.

Sch. Viking, 7000 cod.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 7000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 cusk, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Benjamin T. Phillips, 20,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; markets, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$2; pollock, \$1.50; swordfish, 15 cts. per lb.; halibut 11 cts. for white, 9 cts. for gray and 8 cts. for large gray.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Digby—Cod and hake plenty, herring fair.

Yarmouth—Cod, haddock and halibut fair.

Sand Point—Herring plenty; cod fair.

Lockeport—Cod plenty; few herring reported; 11 albacores in trap; U. S. fishing vessels Rob Roy, Dictator and Yakima in port seeking bait.

Liverpool—American vessel Gladys and Sabra in port with full trip; weather unfavorable for fishing.

Lunenburg—Bankers Muriel Young and Alexander in with 2000 qtls. each; fishing dull.

Spry Bay—Cod and herring fair; haddock scarce.

Salmon River—Cod fair.

Isaacs Harbor—Few cod and herring reported.

Whitehead—Cod and herring fair.

Port Malcolm—Herring fairly plenty.

Cheticamp—Squid plenty; cod fair; hake and haddock scarce.

Margaree—Cod, haddock and squid fair.

Marbou—Cod plenty; hake, haddock and squid fair.

Alberton—Cod and mackerel fair.

Escuminac—Cod plenty; mackerel fair.

Predicts Steam Trawlers.

A prominent fish merchant at St. Pierre has predicted that in a few years practically the entire sailing fleet will be superseded on the banks by the steam trawlers for not only will France and Germany send out vessels of this kind but many British and Norwegian steam craft will also find their way to these fishing grounds. The United States fishermen he says will be driven to build and equip a fleet of steam trawlers also if they are not to be driven from the banks.

Wreck Again Sighted.

A three-masted schooner, bottom up, with mainsails broken off and rudder gone, probably the New York sch. Annie Bliss, whose crew was taken off and landed here Sunday by sch. Lillian was sighted Sunday by the British schooner Minnie T., which arrived at Vineyard Haven Monday from Bonaventure, N. F.

FISH ARRIVALS VERY LIGHT.

One Rips Fisherman and Three Vessels From Boston.

Arrivals here today are very light indeed, three vessels down from Boston with fresh fish to split and one Rips fisherman with a small salt cod fare being the whole story.

The three crafts from Boston, schs. Mary E. Cooney, Mary DeCosta and Maud F. Silva brought down about 20,000 pounds each. Each vessel had a big fare at T wharf and got extra prices for their new fish, so they are in for fine stocks and shares.

Sch. Ralph Russell, the drifter in, usually brings fine fares, but struck poor fishing this time out, hailing her catch for 20,000 pounds.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. George Parker, via Boston.

Sch. Ralph Russell, Rips, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

Steamer Bryda F., shore 40 bbls. porgies.

Steamer Lydia F., shore, 20 bbls. porgies.

Steamer Jeffery, shore, 10 bbls. porgies.

Sch. Raymah, Quero Bank, 125,000 lbs. fresh fish, 80,000 lbs. salt fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Lawrence Murdock, Georges.

Sch. Bohemia, salt banking.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, seining.

Sch. Constellation, seining.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges.

Sch. Marion E. Turner, shacking.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.

Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Victor, seining.

Sch. Electric Flash, seining.

Sch. Romance, shacking.

Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

Sch. Grayling, deck handling.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Outside sales fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c. and 67 1-2c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.70; mediums, \$1.50.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87 1-2; mediums, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Outside sales of round pollock, 60c. per cwt.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

Salt mackerel \$15.00 per bbl.

Salt shore mackerel, unrimmed \$18, per barrel.

Salt bullseyes, \$9 per bbl.

Salt large mackerel, late caught, rimmed \$25 and \$32.50 per bbl.

Board of Trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large \$3.75, medium \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.15.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00, snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting price for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.65 for large \$1.20 for medium, and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock 65 cts.; hake 65 cts, pollock 60 cts.

Harbor Notes.

The sch. yacht Chanticleer is on Burnham's railways.

Schs. Ethel B. Penney and Rose Standish are on the Rocky Neck railways.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Raymah of this port was at Canso, N. S., Monday with 120,000 pounds of fresh cod and 90,000 pounds of salt cod and sailed for home the same day.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, with a fine fare, was at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday and cleared for this port.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall was at Provincetown yesterday for harbor.

Sch. Rex will now fit for shacking under command of Capt. John Grady.

Sch. Teresa and Alice will engage in market fishing under command of Capt. O'Brien.

General Salt Fish Outlook.

The New York Fishing Gazette thus sized up the general salt fish situation:

"The salt fish trade, which showed some signs of improvement a week or two ago, is now less active, but dealers are looking for a good fall business.

"Mackerel supplies are light, and the tone is easier. Norways have, in fact, declined a little. Quotations are hardly in keeping with the reports of poor fishing, not only from Gloucester, but from the Irish coast.

"The Scotch herring fishing is turning out very poorly, being about 200,000 crans below the record at the corresponding date a year ago. In view of the lack of supplies prices have reached record figures, fresh fish making from 32s to 44s 6d per cran, with an average of 40s. Salted made as high as 30s per cran, a price unheard of at Aberdeen on any former occasion. As a consequence the American markets remain very firm.

"Holland herring are practically cleared out of the local market, and the new arrivals will probably bring good prices.

"A leading New York exporter tells The Gazette that there is a continued moderate inquiry for new codfish, old stocks being entirely exhausted. But curing operators are not rapid during the hot and humid weather. With such poor reports from Labrador a surplus of this fish is not looked for. It is difficult to say anything about prices until the bulk of the new cure is ready for the market, but from present indications the figures will be higher than those of a year ago.

"Trade in hake, haddock and pollock continues very dull.

"European advices indicate a continuance of active consumption."

General Fisheries Notes.

The British Consul-General at Berlin reports that in 1908 1,207,704 barrels of salted herrings were imported into Germany, valued at £1,377,000, as compared with 1,300,420 barrels and £1,725,000 in 1907.

The capture of bluefish from New Jersey to Monomoy during a season is 1,000,000 averaging six pounds. Blue-fishing on the New England coast lasts 120 days.

An elephant shark, said to be the first caught along the Jersey coast, was captured at sea the other day by Cook and Smith's crew and landed on the beach at Galilee, N. J. after a sharp fight.

One of the most remarkable features of the fish markets in England during the last few weeks has been the enormous supplies of plaice brought from the far-distant "White Sea." At Billingsgate, at Hull, at Grimsby, they have flooded the market, some of the vessels landing well over 2000 boxes, and the price has naturally gone down with a rush, to the advantage of the many consumers of this favorite flatfish.

A five-pound bluefish passes eastward from Vineyard Sound in the spring and weighs 10 or 15 pounds in autumn. The bluefish is an unmitigated sea butcher and is able to whip any other species not larger than himself. He attacks menhaden with such ferocity as to pack them in windrows a foot deep on the coast.

The recent storm has left a long trail of suffering, particularly among the fishermen of West Bay and Galveston Bay. Many of the baymen have not only lost their boats, but everything else they possessed. So pitiful is their condition that a petition for aid has been issued.

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Recent Newfoundland New Cod Prices

Large and medium merchantable \$5, large and medium Madeira \$4.60, large and medium West India \$2.50, small merchantable \$4, small Madeira \$3.60, small West India \$2. The principal houses in the trade have accepted these figures to start with, and they are likely to be in order for some time.

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NORTH AMERICAN FISHERIES.

Excellent Progress Made in Preparation of British Case.

A dispatch from London says that excellent progress is being made with the preparation of the British case in the North American fisheries question, which is to be referred to The Hague Tribunal. Daily conferences are taking place in London between Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland, Sir James Winter, a former prime minister to that colony, Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, attorney general of Canada, who is acting as British agent in the affair, and Mr. Hewett, who has been engaged by Canada and Newfoundland to draw up the case. Discussions have also taken place with the Attorney-General of England. The case is practically finished and is now receiving daily revision. The American case, which is being prepared in Washington, is also in a forward state.

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Crew Shared \$98.

Sch. Lillian, Capt. Clarence C. Malone, stocked \$4000 on her recent salt shack trip, the crew sharing \$98.

Bait.

Plenty of herring at Yarmouth bar; selling cheap.

STEAM TRAWLING ON GRAND BANKS.

Great Britain May Call International Conference.

A London dispatch on Monday brings the cheering intelligence that the British government has seriously interested itself in the matter of steam trawling on the banks of the western Atlantic, contiguous to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and it is expected that an international conference will soon be summoned to deal with the matter.

Such an attitude on the part of the British government means a great deal and will go far toward bringing this great ulcer in the side of the North American fisheries to a head. The dispatch says:

"Sir Edward Morris, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Dominion minister of marine and fisheries, and Mr. Aylesworth have already brought before the Imperial government the question of the use of steam trawlers in the North American fisheries and the damage they are causing to the industry. The whole question is now under the consideration of His Majesty's Government and it is expected that an international conference will be summoned to deal with the matter."

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TOOK 180 BARRELS ON MONDAY.

Sch. Judique at Newport Yesterday for Harbor With Salt Mackerel Trip.

Catch Was Taken Off South Shoal Lightship in Three Sets.

When everybody here had settled down to the opinion that on account of the bad weather no fishing had been done by the mackerel fleet since last week, word came yesterday of the arrival at Newport for a harbor of sch. Judique of this port, having on board 180 barrels of salt mackerel, taken Monday just before sundown.

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Immediately the telephone wires to Newport were rushed for and for several hours Capt. Gourley Anderson of the Judique was kept busy answering queries from brother skippers and vessel owners as to the how, when and where of the catching of the trip.

Capt. Anderson reported that he got the fish on Monday, just before nightfall, during a lull in what had been anything but a fish day. He came on the fish 20 miles to the westward of the South Shoal lightship, and there appeared to be quite a body of fish there.

He hung around and finally it moderated so that he took a chance and made a set, in fact he made three sets, and he had to work quickly, as night was coming on. Each time he set he stopped the fish, and when the dressing and salting was over he found that the three tries had resulted in 180 barrels of the finest kind of fish.

Fish Secured of Desirable Size and Quality.

The fish are of an entirely different run from any seen or caught thus far this season, as they go 160 count to the salted barrel, being about between the big bloomers taken recently on Georges and the small fish caught off Sankaty Head last week. They are a most desirable run of fish and the fact that this sort have been found, after the big and small fish also showing up so well recently, gives the student of the mackerel game high hopes that the fleet is in for some good fishing before snow flies. Not for many years have bloomers, large, small and bullseyes shown up at practically the same time, and all in apparently fair bodies at least.

It is certainly most encouraging and the operations of the fleet for the next two weeks will be watched with the greatest interest. The dealers want salt mackerel, and even should the fleet have all the fish it could handle from now to the end of the season, it would land none too many to supply the demand for salt mackerel.

Swordfishermen Report Seeing Large Bodies of Mackerel.

Two of the swordfishing fleet which also arrived at Newport yesterday for harbor, have been seeing mackerel to the westward of the lightship for several days and the way they describe what they saw they express in just four words, "It was a fright," which is very clear to all interested in mackerel, whether catching, buying or selling. In other words these swordfishermen have seen a great lot of fish for two or three days, right where Capt. Anderson made his hauls.

Quite a number of the seining fleet got away today and all will dig for this spot, to the westward of the lightship, where Capt. Anderson was and where the swordfishermen saw the schools sporting about unmolested by twine.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving Finds Mackerel in North Bay.

Apparently there is something doing also in the mackerel line in the North Bay. A letter to the Boston Fish Bureau, dated at Souris, P. E. I., Monday, states that sch. Blanche F. Irving, Capt. George Turner, of this port, arrived there on that date, with 105 barrels of mackerel taken in nets off Point Escuminac. Capt. Turner reported that the rest of the mackerel fleet had gone up to Seven Islands. He also reports a good body of fish on Bank Bradley, but that they are not showing very good yet, and that the seiners have not done very much with them thus far. Sch. Diana was there the same day with a few barrels of salt mackerel, taken to the northeast of North Cape.

The Irving has done big work since going to the bay. She is a small craft, with a small crew of men, and fitted for hooking and netting and also has a small seine for setting around. She did not get down to the bay until quite a bit after the first of July, and previous to this catch reported above, has already shipped home about 100 barrels of salt mackerel. If she keeps on at the rate she has been going, Capt. Turner and his men will have a share that will make a seiner's crew turn green with envy.

Sch. Grampus at North Sydney.

The fish commission sch. Grampus, bound on a mackerel research cruise to North Bay, was at North Sydney, C. B., Monday.